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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up Slightly From Last Year

On August 1, 2007, Arizona had 341,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 2,000 head from a year ago, but down 2,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 32,000 head during July, 1,000 head more than a year ago. During July, 33,000 head were marketed, down 1,000 head from last year.

On August 1, 2007, California had 540,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 25,000 head from last year, but down 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 51,000 head during July, down 4,000 head from last year. During July, 54,000 head were marketed, down 13,000 head from last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.3 million head on August 1, 2007. The inventory was 5 percent below August 1, 2006 but 2 percent above August 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.62 million, 17 percent below 2006 and 3 percent below 2005. Net placements were 1.56 million. This is the lowest placements for the month of July since the series began in 1996. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000, 600-699 pounds were 312,000, 700-799 pounds were 445,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.0 million, 3 percent above 2006 and 4 percent above 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 61,000 during July, 5 percent above 2006 but unchanged from 2005.

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